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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 16229

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT:SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR

REF: (A) JAKARTA 15183, (B) JAKARTA 15898

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, GOI IS OPPOSED TO ICRC PRESENCE IN EAST TIMOR BUT MIGHT ACCEPT VISITS BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS. SINCE EAST TIMOR GOVERNOR WHO OPPOSED SUCH PRESENCE HAS BEEN REMOVED, AMBASSADOR PLANS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN TIMOR RELIEF EFFORTS WITH GENERAL MURDANI AT FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING DECEMBER 2 COURTESY CALL ON FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DARUSMAN, AMBASSADOR RECALLED SUPPORT US HAD GIVEN INDONESIA IN UNGA VOTE ON EAST TIMOR AND STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOI WOULD GIVE IMPARTIAL ORGANIZATIONS EASIER ACCESS TO THE PROVINCE. DARUSMAN REPLIED THAT, WHILE INDONESIANS HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO ICRC ITSELF, THEY FOUND THAT ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVES ALWAYS CAME TO INDONESIA WITH AIM OF REINFORCING  
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UNFRIENDLY PREJUDICES. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT VISITS TO TIMOR BY IMPARTIAL RELIGIOUS GROUPS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. HE DETECTED A CHANGE IN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ATTITUDES WHICH MIGHT PERMIT A MORE OPEN STANCE ON TIMOR.

3. FONDEPT DIRECTOR FOR ASIA ANDPACIFIC AFFAIRS COMMODORE SUDARSONO, WHO ALSO FOLLOWS TIMOR EVENTS, INDICATED TO

POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON DEC. 2 THAT GOI DOES NOT PLAN MAJOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TIMOR. HE CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S AMNESTY PROGRAM HAD BEEN "BIG SUCCESS" AND IN-  
DONESIAN ATTENTION FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE ON PROVIDING FOOD AND NECESSITIES FOR 40,000 TIMORESE WHO HAVE THUS FAR COME DOWN FROM HILLS. IN MARCH, GOI WILL ENTER "CONSOLIDATION" PHASE, WHICH SUDARSONO DESCRIBED AS PROVIDING RALLIERS/ REFUGEES WITH MEANS OF MAKING LIVING. HE ALSO ADDED THAT FORMER FRETILIN "PRESIDENT" DO MAMRAL HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY HARD-LINERS, NOTING THAT GOI HAD RECEIVED REPORT TO THIS EFFECT FROM HIS WIFE, WHO WAS INCLUDED AMONG THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED 40,000.

4. SUDARSONO WENT ON TO SAY THAT EAST TIMOR GOVERNOR ARAUJO, WHOM DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT FOR INTELLIGENCE MAJ. GEN. MURDANI HAS CITED AS OBSTACLE TO FOREIGN PRESENCE IN EAST TIMOR, HAS BEEN APPOINTED MEMBER OF PARLIMANET AND HAS THEREFORE RESIGNED FROM HIS EXECUTIVE POSITION AS REQUIRED BY INDONESIAN LAW. HE IS TO BE REPLACED BY THE FORMER "REGULO" OF ATSABE AND APODETI LEADER GUILHERMO GONCALVES, SUDARSONO SAID.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, AMBASSADOR WILL AFTER PRESENTATION OF CREDITIALS SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REEMPHASIZE TO MURDANI OUR HOPE THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN EAST TIMOR RELIEF EFFORTS.  
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